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November Stats Ballyroan, Castletymon & Mobile Libraries

Ballyroan had 142 events attended by 1855 people, issued 14629 items, registered 740 new borrowers and had 22, 601 visitors.

Castletymon Library had 46 events, issued 3277 items, registered 307 new borrowers and had 5623 visitors.

Mobile Libraries issued 8222 items, registered 1005 new borrowers and visited 21 schools in November



Ballyroan Library Firstival Events

South Dublin Libraries Firstival Programme
for Adults

Taster Sessions for lots of different activities,
encouraging people to try something new

Variety of workshops to appeal to all
interests. All booking via Eventbrite.

Ballyroan Library Firstival Events:

Monday 12 Jan, 6.30pm: Balfolk Dancing

Wednesday 14 Jan, 2.30pm: Joomchi
Paper Crafting

Thursday 15 Jan, 11am: Silverwork:
Forge a Silver Ring

Saturday 17 Jan, 1pm: Acrylic Jewellery
Making



Ballyroan January Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

- **Monday 12th at 4.30pm – Sensory Explorers:** A fun, relaxed play session for neurodiverse children and their siblings
- **Saturday 17th at 10am – Build and Create Family Challenge.** Dive into a world of creativity and engineering at our Magna-Tiles and Marble Run event.
- **Tuesday 27th at 3pm – St Brigid's Kite Workshop.** Learn all about St Brigid and her life before making a St Brigid themed kite that you can take home and fly as often as you like! For ages 7+
- **Wednesday 28th at 3pm – Make a St Brigid's Day Cross.** Join artist Elena Buttner to make St Brigid's Day crosses. For ages 7+
- **Saturday 10th at 2pm – Relaxed Movie Time.** Everyone deserves the magic of movies. Join us for a screening of "Smallfoot" suitable for children and families with additional needs.
- **Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Storytime and Chess and fortnightly Coder Dojo.**

Teens

- **Tuesday 20th at 5pm – Teen creative writing club** with author Claire Hennessy



Ballyroan January Highlights - Adults

- **Tuesday 20th at 6.30pm–Women in the Irish Revolution: a local perspective.** A talk by Liz Gillis for the Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society Lecture.
- **Tuesday 20th at 3.30pm – Chair Yoga with Paula.** Always incredibly popular, Chair Yoga returns. Delivered in partnership with the DDLETB.
- **Wednesday 21st at 6.30pm & Saturday 24th January 11am – Tradfest.** Live music from our regulars Martin and Mick, as well as a special session with young musicians from Craobh Naithi Comhaltas.
- **Tuesday 27th at 6.30pm– Reset your home: practical tips from Hazel Burton, professional organiser.** A timely talk as we face into the new year keen to clear out and recycle what we don't use regularly.
- **Thursday 29th at 6.30pm: Autism and Girls: a talk by Dr Dorothy Armstrong.** Part of South Dublin Libraries Neuro-Diverse Programme, this talk will look at the unique challenges facing females with autism.
- **Friday 30th at 3pm– Introduction to Raising Bi-Lingual Children: A talk for parents and carers.** Learn about bilingual language development with Immaculada Gomez Solerwill of Mother Tongues.



Castletymon Library January 2026 Highlights

Do Re Mi: Early Years Classes

Brought to us by Music Generation, this six-week programme for ages 0-18 months and 18 months to 4 years begins on 5th January.

Spanish

Our popular Spanish language classes return on 13th and 14th January with Beginners' Spanish and Spanish *Conversation*, respectively.

Book Club

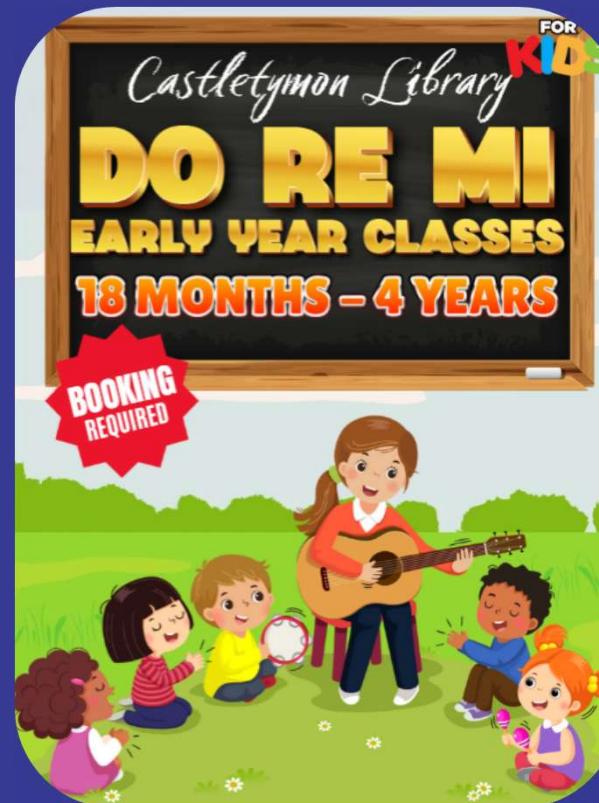
For the first Book Club meeting of the year, on the 12th, will be discussing Christy Lefteri's *The Book of Fire*.

Vision Board Workshop

Start your New Year planning and goals off right with our Vision Board Workshop on 19th

Castletymon Detectives

These sessions, for children twelve and over, will give them their very own case to solve, and begins with a session on the 24th.



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Firstival

For Firstival, we have two exciting events for adults:

- Paint & Prosecco on 13th
- Line Dancing on 15th

Tradfest

- The Tymon Sessions trad music with take place on Wednesday the 14th of January

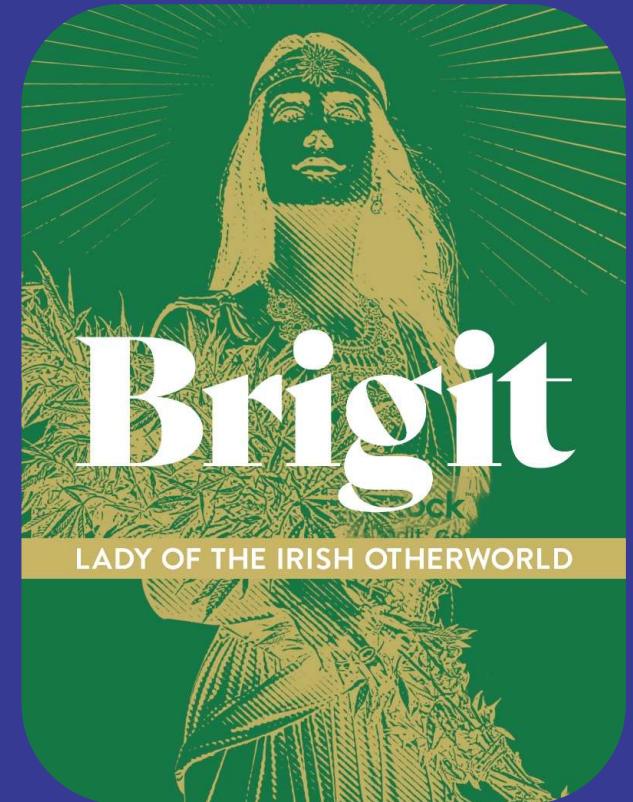
History and Heritage

- A talk, Rathfarnham Castle: The Owners' Stories, by historian Catherine Scuffil on 21st

St Brigid's Day

To celebrate St Brigid's Day, we have two events:

- A craft sessions for children ages 3+ on 26th where they will learn how to make their very own St Brigid's Cross
- A talk with author Pauline Breen, on 26th, about her new book *Brigit: Lady of the Irish Underworld*.



Mobile Library Events December

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Santa Visits the Mobile Library

Santa Claus and his helper visited the Mobile Library at the Parklands Road public stop and the Cúil Dúin public stop on December 16th and 17th, bringing joy to our borrowers!



Mobile Library Events December

Lucan House Christmas Market

250 people visited the Mobile Library which provided a quiet space, an opportunity to join the library and to borrow books at the Lucan House Christmas Market on Sunday December 7th.



Mobile Library Events December

Finnstown House Homeless Service

The Mobile Libraries team visited Finnstown House Homeless Service on December 13th , gifting crayon sets and colouring pages and bringing a face painter as entertainment. There was a total of 57 children and adults attending the Mobile Library.



Mobile Library Events December

Mobile Libraries Author Visit with Storyteller Róisín Murphy

Róisín Murphy visited Gael Scoil Lír on December 8th and did two sessions of storytelling with a blend of English and Irish language with a mix of traditional folktales and legends.

Coming up in January in mobile libraries.

We will be visiting Bloomfield Nursing Home on January 3rd.

The Mobile Library will be visiting Happy Days Creche and Giraffe Childcare Preschool.

Mobile Libraries will be visiting 22 schools, having added one new school to our list for 2026.





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